## ENGINEERS IN WEST ALMOST UNANIMOUS TO START A STRIKE

Brotherhood Put It Up to Companies to Increase Pay or Face Walkout.

NEW YORK, April 12 .- That the sentiment of the engineers on all the railroads in the territory east of Chicago and north of the Ohlo river is practically unanimous for a strike and that the proposition of granting the wage demands or facing a walkout has already been put up to the companies was the announcement today of Grand Chief Engineer Warren Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Stone said the counting of the ballots of the engineers was finished today, and that 93.1 per cent of the complete

strength of the organization on all of the great Eastern trunk lines had authorized their general officers to call a strike at any time they deemed such

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As soon as the vote count was complete Stone wrote to J. C. Stuart, chairman of the board of managers, notifying him of the position assumed by the men, and asking if the railroads wanted to make any counter-proposition. He warned Stuart that the officers of the brotherhood can now order the strike at a moment's notice and then said that the men will wait until next Monday, April 15, for a feply before taking any further action.

While the situation is admittedly grave it is not hopeless. The railroads have anticipated the vote, and they are expected to invoke the Erdman arbitration act to prevent the threatened strike. The men, however, insisted today they had thoroughly canvassed the situation, and that they would not accept any proposition that did not carry with it a substantial increase of wages. Stone and his associates are confident they will have the support of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in case of a strike. The organization has recently presented demands to railroads asking increased wages, extra firemen on hard runs and numerous concessions, and they, like the engineers, have announced, if their demands are not granted, they will strike.

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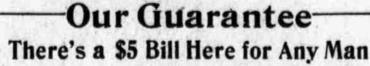
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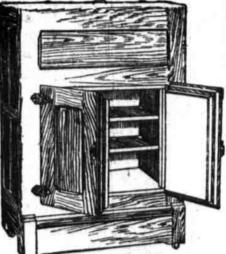
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